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By the Prisoner  
For the Prisoner

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## Kilby's Newly Appointed Warden

### In Service At Chapel



FRONT ROW L-R Nancy Smidt, Jacqueline Cameron, Katherine Zimmerman, Jeanne Smidt, Carol Relkop BACK ROW L-R Terry Nelson, Mac Furlow, Marvin Relkop, Robert Brung, Fraine Zietler, Melvin Witt  
STANDING LEFT - Rev. Eldon G. Weisheit

### Chapel Host's Lutheran Choir In Song Service

The senior choir of the Lutheran Church of the Ephiny, Montgomery, presented a Christmas concert in song, Sunday afternoon, at 2:00 PM in the Door of Hope Chapel at Kilby Prison.

This was one of the most exhilarating and soothing hours ever to be heard here. The chapel was filled with melodic tones and soul stirring spirit. This period inspired all who were present with a feeling borrowed from heaven. At this time we were fortunate, and I emphasize the word FORTUNATE, to have the beautiful voices of this choir giving all who were present, sweet notes and stirring tones.

The selections that were chosen by this group were moving and a true delight to sit and listen to. We are only sorry that it couldn't have lasted longer. The mood they put us in, made one forget

that he was in prison and left to feel as though we were spending a comfortable hour in their on church.

Mrs. Carol Relkop, director of the choir, had the various voices arranged in the exactness of true professionalism. Anyone missing this experience has lost something of value to fine and artistically done singing.

The faces of those attending, showed their appreciation and much conversation followed their leaving. This was truly an event to be remembered and appreciated for many days to come.

Rev. Weisheit's message was very well delivered and thoroughly enjoyed. It most assuredly stirred everyone's heart and minds. For giving us that added push on the ladder of success, our thanks go to the ladies and gentlemen of this choir for giving of

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MR. CURTIS M. SIMPSON

Upon the death of Mr. William C. Holman, Warden of Kilby Prison, Alabama Prison Commissioner, A. Frank Lee announced to the news media that Mr. Curtis M. Simpson has been appointed as Warden.

Mr. Simpson has worked as Warden of the number Four Honor Camp for the colored trustee's of the Alabama prison system. As recent as last year he was appointed as the warden of the trustee barracks located outside Kilby's walls.

Before coming to the Alabama prison system, Mr. Simpson served in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict and also as a member of the Alabama State Highway Patrol.

At the time of this article Mr. Simpson is serving as Warden of both the Trustee Barracks and Kilby.

Mr. Simpson is well liked throughout the penal system and has the respect of the inmates as well as the prison personnel.

### FORGOTTEN MAN

#### PACKAGES

Chaplain H.C. Kimbrell announced on December 18, the forgotten Men packages would be distributed either on the eve of Dec. 23 or 24. Every

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Days Till  
Christmas



# EDITORIAL MERRY CHRISTMAS

This salutation is universal - even in a maximum custody prison, as Kilby.

An outsider who has never witnessed the goings-on inside a maximum custody institution at this time of year will wonder how the prisoners can say: "Merry Christmas," and actually have a Merry Christmas.

It's not easy. However, although Christmas behind the walls of a maximum custody institution is vastly different from Christmas in the free world, it still is basically the same with a general air of expectation hovering over the prison. If the inmates of any given institution have nothing else, they have memories and their thoughts.

The yuletide atmosphere is instilled in most prisoners. Christmas packages from home, which include special gifts, as well as food-stuff, can be seen in almost every cell. Those men who do not receive anything from the outside are given a Christmas package by the "Forgotten Man" program. Everybody gets a Christmas package.

Even Christmas decorations are in sight. The halls of Kilby are filled with lights, tinsel, and other Christmas decor. Some of the men even decorate their cells, if only with Christmas cards received. Regardless how, the men of this maximum custody institution try to forget what they had outside, or would have outside, and really have a Merry Christmas.

We know that basically, Christmas is the time set aside to honor the birth of Christ. We also know that the modern Christmas has turned to a more commercial trend, with the kiddies getting the spotlight. We are all for the old, and the new conception of Christmas.

We're not kiddies - and were not what you would call saints - but we hope to have a Merry Christmas, and we wish all of you the same.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*  
*From The Kilby Sun Staff*



## Kilby's Inmate Of The Week

### Freddie Underwood

Freddie first came to Kilby in 1953 from Florence Alabama where he made his home.

He has had several jobs since being here, such as; the inmate laundry, the Shoe Shop, Assistant Wardens Clerk, the Mail Room, and is presently operating the inmate Tobacco Shop. Which might be added, is doing a fine job. Any time you see a new brand of tobacco advertised on TV, you can bet Freddie will have them. He also has on hand the old and new brands for your smoking convenience.

Freddie has done much in the past to better himself and the community in which he lives. In September of 65, when the Eastmont chapter of the Jaycees was chartered, he was appointed as a Director. Moved to the position of Internal Vice-President, and finally to President of the Organization. In July of this year, he was re-elected to the position of President.

Freddie has also been an elected officer of the Parlane Gavel in which he was the Educational Vice-President. So as you can see, Freddie has been a real asset to both clubs, and this community.

To you Freddie, the Kilby Sun wishes you the very best, and hopes the next sixty-six days will be speedy ones for you. Home sweet home will be good and all this a bad dream.

## REMEMBER THURSDAY DECEMBER 22 IS OUR NEXT STATE PAYDAY

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THIS NEWSPAPER IS HAND SET





## Door of Hope Chapel



Rev. H. C. Kimbrell - Protestant Chaplain  
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### CATHOLIC ACTIVITY

#### MASS

2nd and 4th Saturdays  
Fr. Timothy Deasy

#### RELIGIOUS CLASS

Wednesday . . . . . 3:00 P. M.  
Daughters of Charity  
Sr. Zita

#### RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION

Thursday . . . . . 7:30 P. M.  
St. Dismas Men  
Buddy Samford, Chairman

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Church of Christ . . . . 8:00 A.M.  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship . . . . 10:30 A.M.  
Rev. H. C. Kimbrell  
Afternoon Worship . . . 2:00 P.M.  
Visitors

#### WEEKDAYS

Tuesday - Bible Study 7:00 P.M.  
Friday - Bible Discussion 7:00 P.M.  
(In The Library)

### AN INVITATION

#### TO ALL

#### CATHOLIC & NON-CATHOLIC

#### TO ATTEND THE

#### CHRISTMAS MASS

7 AM 24 DECEMBER 1966

#### IN THE CHAPEL

#### CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASS

#### LET THERE BE STANDING ROOM ONLY

#### TO HONOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Father Timothy Deasy      Buddy Sanford, Chairman  
Chaplain                      St. Dismas Association

## CATHOLIC CORNER

By Carmen Romano

What is Christmas? To many this is a time for decorated trees with gaily colored lights, trimmed with tinsel and fancy glass bulbs, and a shiney star on the top. Then we have the many gaily trimmed boxes, and the new shiney toys for the children. Later in the day comes the big feast with a fancy roast Turkey or Duck or whatever it may be, plus all the fancy pies and cakes. To others, it may mean a time of the year when they will be able to sell millions upon millions of dollars worth of merchandise to the public.

This is also the day of Santa Clause, the jolly and beloved distributor of Christmas gifts. It is an American adoption of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, of the fourth century. This custom, brought to New York by the Dutch many, many years ago, quickly spread throughout the United States. But, most of the people of the world have forgotten the most important reason why this day is celebrated as; The Nativity of

Christ. On this day was born, Jesus Christ our Lord, as the story was told, Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem, a little town in Judea, to register because they were descendants of King David. Joseph and Mary went there in obedience to the emperor of Rome, who had commanded all his subjects to register in the towns of their ancestors.

Mary and Joseph tried to find a place to stay in, even for the night, but the only place they could find was a stable. Here Mary gave birth to the Christ Child.

There were shepherds living in the fields tending their flocks. When the Angele appeared in the heavens and told them of the birth of a child who was Christ the Lord. They told the shepherds that this child would be wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. The shepherds immediately departed in search of the spoken child, who was found lying as foretold in a manger wrapped in

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## Club News

Parlance

Eastmont

BY PHILLIP BAKER

On Friday night, December 9, 1966. The Parlance Gavel Club held their regular weekly meeting. The Table Topic Chairman for the evening was Gordon McCarley, and the winner of the best Table Topic Speaker was T.M. Hank "Ace" Swicegood.

The Speaking program for the night was a 3 category. program. In the Ice Breakers Category the speakers were T.M. R.C. Crow and T.M. Herbert Casey, with T.M. Crow winning this category.

In the No. 2 Category the speakers were T.M. Robert Davy and T.M. Robert Martin with T.M. Martin winning this Category. In the last and 3rd. Category the Speakers were T.M. Maurice Blankenship and T.M. Harvey Linder. T.M. Linder was the best speaker for the evening.

The best Evaluator award was won by one of our new Honorary members from the outside world, T.M. Chris Huffnagle.

The Admin. Vice President James Grenier installed one new member into the club, T.M. Milton Watson. We are happy to have this new member in our club, for the only way that the Gavel Club can grow is through our new member The interest. Admin. Vice President also moved in the form of a motion that T.M. Chris Huffnagle, T.M. Spencer, and T.M. McCurdy of the disbanded Alamax club be installed as Honorary Members. This was approved by standing acclamation. These men did us the Honor of accepting this membership. We are very happy to have them as a part of our club.

In the next 2 weeks, the members of the Gavel Club will all be campaigning for office. There is a lot of activity around the Institution with all the members trying to get as many votes as each of them can. If any of the other member's who are not running for any kind of office wants a cup of coffee, all you have to do is pick some candidate who you think wants or need some votes, you can almost be assured that you will get your coffee.

The Gavel Club meets in the

BY HANK SWICEGOOD

May this Christmas season bring you deep joy and many pleasant experiences. May the new year bring you that peace that "passeth the understanding of men", and may it bring nothing in your life to cause anxiety or worry.

May all your days be full of sunshine, and your nights filled with pleasant dreams. May no dark clouds appear to shut out any of the beauties of life or of nature, all about you.

May you be able to see stars shining through any cloud that may appear on your horizon. May you have the wisdom for all your problems, and help in every time of need, and may you have true friends all along, the way to the very end of life.

This is our wish to you and yours, this Christmas Season.

Dinning Hall each Friday night at 7:00 P.M. We extend an open invitation to each man here at Kilby to come down and enjoy one of our meetings. The Parlance Gavel Club wishes each inmate a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the best of luck in the coming year of 1967.

### MONEY DRAW HOURS

All inmates can draw up to \$10 per week. The draw window is open as follows. Inmates whose last name begins with:

A - L	Tuesday
	9:30 to 12:30
	2:30 to 3:30
M - Z	Wednesday
	9:30 to 12:30
	2:30 to 3:30

### —SUNDAY— VISITING SCHEDULE

Printed for the benefit of the visitors

DEC. 25, 1966  
JAN. 8 1967  
JAN. 22, 1967  
FEB. 5, 1967  
FEB. 19, 1967

Visiting hours from  
7:30 until 12:30



## Country Corner

By Curtis Estes

### Hank Locklin

"Howdy", your country music snooper is back once again with a great country artist. But first I would like to thank everyone who has requested the return of this column, and to remind one and all, that the "Po Boy" himself, Wayne Cobb, and all the "Po Boys", will be here Dec. 22, 1966 after first count for a gala musical program. This program is being sponsored by the Eastmont Jaycees.

In the spotlight this week is a man most everyone has heard sing. He is also the Honorary Mayor of McClellan, Florida, and has been voted the most popular recording artist of northern Ireland.

Hank Locklin is the gents name, and making hit records is his game. However, he must not be a good business man, as his first job was singing in a honky-tonk at a pay of two dollars, and the round trip between home and work cost him five dollars. But that's the music business.

Hank broke into radio in Houston Texas, after learning to play a guitar with a do-it-yourself book. Singing along while he strummed the guitar, it became a habit, and now has one of the finest voices in the business. (the whole of Ireland can't be wrong, huh!).

Hank, his wife Willa, and their three children (two girls and one boy), live on their ranch in McClellan Florida. Flying back and forth from appearances keeps him pretty busy.

Among Hanks many awards are; the Music Vendor Award of Distinction, the Cash Box Award, the Music Reporter Hit Award, and the B.M.I. Award. Hank became a member of the "Grand Ole Opry" in 1960. The many songs that have brought him fame are just to name a few; "Send Me The Pillow You Dream On"; "Some Sweet Girl"; "Faith and Truth"; and last but not least, "Please Help Me I'm Falling".

This writer has admired

### A Christmas Message From Mr. O. F. Wells

*As Christmas draws near, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every man confined here at Kilby, the happiest and merriest Christmas possible under the existing circumstances.*

*I realize that it is impossible for any person to enjoy life to its fullest extent while confined to a prison cell. I sincerely hope that the new year will find each and every man with the thought of returning to his community and loved ones, never to return to prison life.*

*Again, I wish for everyone, the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year.*

Asst. Warden

O. F. Wells

### FORGOTTEN MEN

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man who has signed for these packages will be notified.

This program was originally instituted in 1959 by former prison Chaplain R.S. Watson. The purpose of this program is to see that every man who does not receive a package at Christmas, will be given one from the door of Hope Chapel.

The contents of these packages are the results of donations from many outside individuals who are interested in the forgotten man.

if you have not, or do expect to receive a package for Christmas, contact William A. Stapleton, the Chaplains secretary, and he will see that your name is placed on the list for a package.

### Choir

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their time and concern for the men of Kilby, who though incarcerated, still yearn to listen to good Christian music.

Those of us who have several years to serve, are looking forward to the return of this fine, dedicated group. It is hoped that we will be privileged to hear these voices again in the near future.

Hank Locklin for many years and I am quite sure if you have heard him, you have thoroughly enjoyed his singing.

### Construction Wrecks Raiders

James Hendry

Kilby's own were mauled, trampled and manhandled in 21 game league opener 49 to 91 by Murphy Construction of Holtville.

A capacity crowd of 22 witnessed the sporting spectacular of the season. A combination of football, wrestling and track, but they used a basketball, as Murphy downed the Raiders by 42 points.

Starting for Kilby, Odis Smith, and Wallace Brown at forward, guards, Billy McQuick and James Matheny, in the center position, James "Blackie" King, with Bubba Gandy, Paul Brown and Danny Burns on the bench.

Teaming the field for Murphy at forward were Head and Lott, Curlee at center, Kirk and Glenn in the guard spot, with Hill, Devon, and Farmer as substitutes.

Gene Hawkins as scorekeeper, whistle blower, along with Curtis Estes, the time keeper can both bear watching. A magnificent job was done by that dynamic duo, the Sprouse brothers, Doug and Sam, on the Electronic Score Board. Sam, or was it Doug, wasn't too busy.

Murphy had good ball control, as the score indicates. They outjumped, outshot, and outplayed the Raiders all the way. Murphy's Lott lead in scoring with 17 points, followed by Kirk with 16. The Construction eight, each scored points, which shows teamwork. Only five of the Raiders got on the score sheet. Quick led in that department with 21 points, King 15, Smith 5, Matheny 4, and Paul Brown came off the bench to sack in two field shots. Paul was felled by a Karate chop in the fourth period and missed his two free throws. The Raiders definitely need to concentrate on team work.

Officiating, if you can call it that, were Paul Stanford and Marvin Ford of Kilby, splitting the game in the role of Umpire, with Bill Fray as referee.

League games will be played every Monday and Thursday night through March 9. Come on out and support your team. Lets get the crowd up to 25.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

From- Bob & Dorothy Venus; and sons, pvt Bob & Chris Venus.

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ: We thank the Lord for bringing us to Kilby where we have truly been blessed in worshiping with you, and seeing so many of you receiving Christ as your personal Saviour. We thank the Lord that in Kilby in many hearts, Christ is honored and loved.

In this Christmas season we give you that wonderful verse from John 14, verse 27; "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." These are our Saviours words, and His word is sure and true.

Our prayers and these of our church are joined with many Christians who are praying for and we have a God who hears and answers prayers in Jesus name.

### Catholic Corner

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swaddling clothes, with Mary and Joseph kneeling beside him.

We must all remember that Jesus was born, crucified, died and buried to save us from our sins. So in the new year let us all attend the church of our faith. And pray to God for peace on earth. Let us really show God that we still love him by praying to him, and ask him to forgive us for our sins.

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

Mathew 1:21

### WORK FURLOUGH

Jamestown, California-PP.-A total of 39 state inmates are now holding jobs in communities, earning money for their room and board and to support their families, it has been reported by the Department of Work Furloughs.

*The Kilby Sun is available for mailing home. If you are interested, see Robert F. Johnson, Cell 27-A.*



# THE SCOOP

BY JOE MYERS

Well here we are coming your way once more and I'm sure most of you will be glad to see the paper come out every two weeks, for it is something to look forward to. We come now with a new editor. Robert "Yankee" Johnson has taken over and we are in hopes that he will be successful in getting the paper to us. So let's all wish him a lot of luck.

It is good to see the Sun staff back in the shop, for the place seemed deserted without Chuck, Robert, and Jack. I'm certain the men are happy to be back also, for it is cold on the Ponderosa. Whata ya say Chuck?

All seems to be quiet around now, with Christmas coming on. Everyone seems to be thinking of their loved ones or of all the booze they could put away over the holidays. Whatever their thoughts are, they are far away. Christmas is about the hardest part of the year to build. You can sit back and think of all the fun you had in the past and what you will do in the future. The one thing we are all thinking about is freedom, the day when we will walk out the gate and take a deep breath of that pure free air. We will look back and salute the institution and promise ourselves that we will never be back. But how many will keep this promise? It is something to think about, for we are all in prison, but for what? We don't really need to be here. I know I don't need to be here, but my wild wrecklessness got the best of me and I believe that is the case with most here. So with the new year coming, we should all think of trying to help better ourselves and not make any mistakes we will regret later, and which may cost us a great deal more than it is worth. Think about it.

Well I will close this article with A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, and hope the new year will be more pleasant than the past. Also I would like to wish A Merry Christmas to all the officials and their family. So till next time all of you be cool and walk slow.



## TV HIGHLIGHTS

Channel 32

Sun. Dec. 25, 1966

12:00 PM

"Christmas in the Market Place"

1:30 PM

A Star Shall Rise - film

2:00 PM

Sunday Cinema - "Dangerous Lady"

6:00 PM

"The Dangerous Christmas of Red Riding Hood"

8:00 PM

Sunday Night Movie - "The Dangerous Days of Kiowa Jones"

Mon. Dec. 26, 1966

3:00 PM

North South Game - live

Channel 9

Sun. Dec. 25, 1966

11:30 AM

Movie Time - "Miracle on 34th Street"

1:30 PM

Sunday Showcase - "Holiday Inn"

3:00 PM

Special - "Christ is Born"



## Holiday Store Hours

Welfare Store close all day  
Christmas December 25th.

Coffee Shop Hours

8 til 9 A.M. & 3 til 4 P.M.

Fruit can be purchased each  
Monday at the Welfare Store,  
with the exception of Monday  
December 26, 1966.

Support Kilby's Clubs

Attend a Meeting

## Holiday Bowl Games

BOWL	TEAMS	DATE
SUN	FLORIDA & WYOMING	DEC. 24 th.
BLUE & GRAY		DEC. 24 th.
GATOR	SYRACUSE & TENN.	DEC. 31 st.
COTTON	GEORGIA & S.M.U.	DEC. 31 st.
ORANGE	FLORIDA & GA. TECH	JAN. 2 nd.
SUGAR	ALABAMA & NEBRASKA	JAN. 2 nd.
ROSE	SO. CAL. & PURDUE	JAN. 2 nd.
SENIOR		JAN. 7 th.
N.F.L.	DALLAS & GREEN BAY	JAN. 1 st.
A.F.L.	BUFFALO & KAN. CITY	JAN. 1 st.
2. nd. N.F.L.	BALT. & PHILL.	JAN. 8 th.
CHAMPION		JAN. 15 th.
ALL STAR BOWL		JAN. 22 nd.

## Merry Christmas To Each And Everyone.

Mr. Jimmy White PRINT SHOP SUPT.

## Prose

and

## Poetry

## Survival

Deafening noise, body shattering

Signals closing doors.

Heart and soul cry out in desperation

But voice must be silenced

Lest tongue and lips

Articulate

Sounds of fear.

Phallic key unites

With a vagina of cold steel

And gravid door is locked.

Count: 2-2-2-2

Long hall walls echo

The words while the face,

Unsmiling, silently numbers:

TWO TWO Two two

two two TWO TWO

Until satisfied.

Two by two they stand erect.

Housed within each figure is pulsing heart....

Thinking mind .... mind unused and decaying....

Soul; so long ago damned!

Listen! listen closely to each beating heart....

Each beat being a signal:

Hope.

One hope:

Survival, nearer, SURVIVAL!

By Gordon McCarley





# XMAS MENU 1966



## Onion Soup

Sweet Pickles

## Bake Ham with Applesauce

Sage Dressing

Candied Yams

Green Beans

Brown Gravy

Potatoes AU Gratin

Fresh Butter Beans Cole Slaw

## Fresh Peach Cobbler

Hot Rolls or Biscuits

Coffee



APPLES  
ORANGES  
PECANS



Mr. Robert T. Daniel  
and Staff Wishes You All

A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS



# STAG



## THEATER

SATURDAY DEC. 24, 1966

## THE CINCINNATI KID

DRAMA

STARRING

Steve McQueen

E. G. Robinson-Ann Margret

Joan Blondell

"A story of a professional stud poker player"

PLUS CARTOON



SUNDAY DEC. 25, 1966

## THE THUNDER OF DRUMS

PLUS CARTOON



SATURDAY DEC. 31, 1966

## WHEN THE BOYS MEETS THE GIRLS

PLUS CARTOON



SUNDAY JANUARY 1 1967

## RIDE THE HIGH COUNTRY PLUS CARTOON

COMES WITH OUT RUNNING TIME or STARS